

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3308, THE
UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES PROTECTION ACT

SEPTEMBER 4, 1996.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. SOLOMON, from the Committee on Rules,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 517]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 517, by a nonrecord vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for the consideration of H.R. 3308, the “United States Armed Forces Protection Act of 1996” under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on National Security.

The rule provides that after general debate the bill shall be considered as read, shall be considered for amendment under the 5-minute rule and makes in order only those amendments printed in this report.

The rule further provides that amendments may be considered only in the order specified, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided between the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.

The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes on any amendment and to reduce to 5 minutes the time for voting after the first of a series of votes provided that the first vote is not less than 15 minutes.

Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER BY THE RULE

(In the Order To Be Offered)

1. Spence (SC)—Clarifying and technical corrections. (10 minutes)
2. Bartlett/Chenoweth/Trafigant—Strikes the section of the bill that requires the President to certify the extent to which U.S. troops would be required to wear any visible insignia of the United Nations and replace it with a prohibition on members of the U.S. Armed Forces from wearing any such insignia unless specifically authorized by Congress. (40 minutes)
3. Schroeder—Amends the final reporting requirement to ask the percentage of the total cost the U.S. would bear. (20 minutes)

THE AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER BY THE RULE

1. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SPENCE OF SOUTH CAROLINA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 3, after line 18, insert the following new paragraph (and redesignate the succeeding paragraphs accordingly):

(1) the President should fully comply with all applicable provisions of law governing the deployment of the Armed Forces of the United States to United Nations peacekeeping operations;

Page 10, line 19, strike out “and”.

Page 10, line 22, strike out the period, close quotation marks, and period at the end and insert in lieu thereof “; or”.

Page 10, after line 22, insert the following:

“(3) as superseding, negating, or otherwise affecting the requirements of section 6 of the United Nations Participation Act of 1945 (22 U.S.C. 287d).”.

Page 11, beginning on line 4, strike out “as part of the United Nations force designated as the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR)”.

Page 11, line 8, insert after “Macedonia” the following: “as part of the United Nations force designated as the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force (UNPREDEP)”.

Page 11, line 10, insert after “1992,” the following: “and Resolution 983, adopted March 31, 1995,”.

Page 11, line 12, insert after “Croatia” the following: “as part of the United Nations force designated as the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja, and Western Sirmium (UNTAES)”.

Page 11, beginning on line 13, strike out “Resolution 743, adopted February 21, 1992,” and insert in lieu thereof “Resolution 1037, adopted January 15, 1996,”.

2. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BARTLETT OF MARYLAND OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 40 MINUTES

At the end of the bill, add the following new section:

SEC. 5. PROHIBITION ON REQUIREMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES TO WEAR UNIFORM ITEMS OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 45 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“§ 777. Insignia of United Nations: prohibition on requirement for wearing

“No member of the armed forces may be required to wear as part of the uniform any badge, symbol, helmet, headgear, or other visible indicia or insignia which indicates (or tends to indicate) any allegiance or affiliation to or with the United Nations except in a case in which the wearing of such badge, symbol, helmet, headgear, indicia, or insignia is specifically authorized by law with respect to a particular United Nations operation.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“777. Insignia of United Nations: prohibition on requirement for wearing.”.

Page 9, strike out lines 11 through 16.

Page 9, line 17, strike out “(K)” and insert in lieu thereof “(J)”.

3. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHROEDER OF COLORADO OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 20 MINUTES

On page 9, line 21, insert before the period the following: “and the percentage that such cost represents of the total anticipated monthly incremental costs of all nations expected to participate in such operation”.